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Naming of Bechtel Exec Eases Crisis for 'Chunnel'

John Neerhout, executive vice president of **Bechtel**, the giant construction firm based in San Francisco, was appointed liaison between feuding developers and builders of the rail tunnel that will link Britain and France under the Channel—a mammoth project threatened by cash disputes and personality clashes.

It will be Neerhout's job to act as a buffer between the developers' abrasive chief executive, **Alastair Morton** of **Eurotunnel**, and manage their contract with the builders, **Transmanche Link** (TML), Reuters reported from London. His appointment broke a deadlock in which Eurotunnel's bankers refused to advance more money until the two sides settled their differences.

Eurotunnel said Neerhout's appointment cleared the way now for fresh bank lending to keep diggers working on the 30-mile twin-track project, which is supposed to be completed in mid-1993.

■ **Ralph Peterson** has been named executive vice president and treasurer and **Ed Romano** has been named senior vice president and corporate controller at **Warner Bros. Inc.**, Burbank.

■ **Sam Pimazar** has been named executive vice president at **Vidmark Entertainment**, Santa Monica. He had been vice president-domestic distribution.

■ **Mead I. Greenberg** has joined the Los Angeles office of the New York law firm **LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & MacRae**. He specializes in representation of Japanese clients.

■ **Thomas V. McKernan Jr.** has been named executive vice president of the **Automobile Club of Southern California**. He will retain the title of chief financial officer.

■ **Cary Woods** has been named vice president of **Columbia Pictures Entertainment Inc.**, office of the chairman. He previously was a vice president at William Morris Agency.

■ **Stacey Snider** has been promoted to executive vice president of **Guber-Peters Entertainment Co.**, a unit of the filmed entertainment group at Columbia Pictures Entertainment.

■ **Laurie Younger** has been named senior vice president-business affairs for network television at **Walt Disney Television**, Burbank.

■ **Robert Chuck** has been named executive vice president-administration and business affairs at **Triad Artists**. He previously was executive vice president and general counsel at International Creative Management in New York and Los Angeles.

■ **Charles Kolstad**, formerly with the Tokyo office of **Coopers & Lybrand**, has relocated to Los Angeles as the partner in charge of the corporate finance advisory services group.

■ The law firm **Loeb & Loeb** has named eight new partners: **Roger A. Arar, Robert Thorne, Deborah R. Clark, Ted C. Honold, Carol L. Mayall Belfield, Bruce L. Fischer, Scott W. Miller** and **Michael F. Sitzer.**

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